Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Dave Wicks dedicated a career to protecting the wildlife resources of south Dakota with the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish, and Parks, and after 37 years and 10 months of faithful service, retired on December 8, 2009; and,

Whereas, Dave, a native South Dakotan, obtained a B.S. degree in Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences from South Dakota State University; and,

Whereas, Dave served as the Conservation Officer in Roberts and Codington Counties, and was the Assistant Regional Supervisor, the Regional Law Enforcement Specialist, and, most recently, a Conservation Officer Supervisor for Region 4 in northeast South Dakota; and,

Whereas, During Dave's career in protecting the wildlife resources of South Dakota, he exemplified responsible and responsive public service by showing tremendous dedication to the wildlife in this state and to the people of South Dakota by working effectively with landowners, sportsmen, and other agencies to achieve his goals; and,

Whereas, Dave served to protect and perpetuate South Dakota's wildlife resources by educating the public of fish and wildlife laws and by bringing violators of these laws before a court for justice; and,

Whereas, Dave has always been willing to assist local organizations such as the Grass Lake Sportsman's Club, the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, the Dakota Sportsman's Club, the Codington County Search and Rescue, and local law enforcement whenever there was a need:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim January 29, 2010, as

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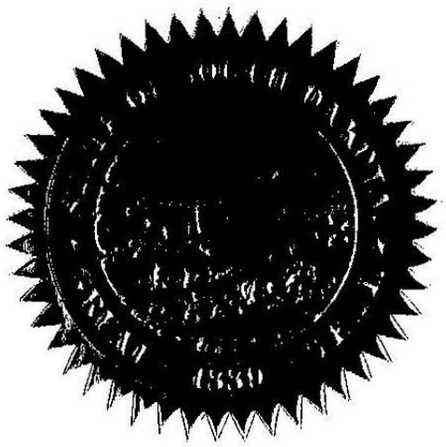
in South Dakota, and I join with his family and friends in wishing him well in his retirement.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-eighth Day of January in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Ten.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State